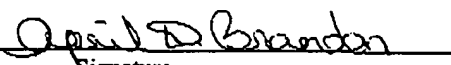


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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed December 2, 2004. A request for a two month extension of time accompanies this reply. The Amendment meets the requirement for a submission under 37 CFR § 1.114(c) to be filed with a Request for Continued Examination.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.